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Friends,

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In addition to a regular Executive Council meeting and nomination hearings this week, the Council and Dept of Transportation also transmitted the updated ten year transportation plan to Governor Hassan. The Governor and Legislature will each have an opportunity to edit the plan, which will be finalized by June (for the years 2015-2024).

- The full ten year plan [can be viewed here](#), alphabetically by town (The "12/2" version is final). The plan includes two sections: Funded projects (where existing funding sources are identified to cover the costs) and Unfunded priorities (which include critical strategic priorities that cannot be completed unless additional sources of revenue are identified).
- I've included a summary of select high-profile new projects below by region – such as the Capitol Corridor rail project, the addition of a new "Exit 10" on the Spaulding Turnpike in Rochester, and rebuilding the Hinsdale Bridge – all of which are new additions to the ten-year plan (though some require future funding issues resolved). If you have a question about a project not listed here, check the link above for the full plan.

The full Council 12/4 meeting agenda can be viewed here (<http://1.usa.gov/IVvMKC>) and key updated by region are at the end of this email.

**\*\*\* SELECT 10YR PLAN PROJECTS: Merrimack Co & Central NH \*\*\***

**Capitol Corridor Rail project:** The ten year plan included the Capitol Corridor rail project for the first time, with preliminary engineering work scheduled to begin in the first year of the plan (2015). Funding has not yet been identified for this project, pending the feasibility study which was launched in February and will be complete by the end of next year.

**I-93 Expansion From Exit 12 – 16:** This project would occur in 2018-2022 depending on a future toll increase to cover the \$192 million cost.

**Sewell Falls Bridge –** A new bridge is funded in the first year of the plan and scheduled for completion by 2016.

**I-89 Exit 2** – Improvements to the Exit 2 ramps are scheduled for 2023.

**Rt 106 Widening** – Roughly five miles of Rt 106 south of the speedway is scheduled for widening in 2020-2021.

**\*\*\* SELECT 10YR PLAN PROJECTS: Monadnock Region & Western NH \*\*\***

**Hinsdale Bridge Replacement** – Added back into the plan, for preliminary engineering work beginning in 2016 and construction in 2021-2022.

**Jaffrey Dogleg Reconstruction** – Preliminary construction moved up to 2015 (the first year of the plan) with construction scheduled for 2020.

**Rt 12 from Walpole to Charlestown** – Reconstruction scheduled for 2016-2017.

**Acworth/Bowers Brook Bridge Replacement** – Preliminary engineering beginning 2015 and construction in 2017-18.

**\*\*\* SELECT 10YR PLAN PROJECTS: Strafford & Belknap Counties \*\*\***

**Exit 10** – New to the ten-year plan is a 2015 updated feasibility study to plan for a potential “Exit 10” and easterly connection off the Spaulding Turnpike. Because this is a turnpike exit, the project is contingent on identifying future toll revenues (likely a toll increase).

**Rt 108 Improvements** - A new project to improve safety and congestion on 108 from Dover to Rochester is scheduled for preliminary engineering 2018-2021 and construction in 2023-2024.

**Little Bay & General Sullivan Bridges** – Rehabilitation and construction is scheduled for 2015-2016 for the former, and 2017-2019 for the latter.

**Open-road tolling on Spaulding Turnpike** – The Dover & Rochester toll plaza would move to open-road or all-electronic tolling in 2016-17 if tolls are increased.

**Exit 6 interchange** – Exit 6 interchange of NH-16/Spaulding Turnpike and Rt 4 is scheduled for most construction complete by 2018.

**\*\*\* SELECT 10YR PLAN PROJECTS: Statewide projects \*\*\***

**I-93 Expansion** – While identified as a critical priority, the state has run out of funding for the \$250 MM I-93 expansion from Exit 3 to Manchester, and this project will not continue unless the legislature increases gas tax revenues or identifies another source of funds.

**Note on Confirmations:** On Monday 12/9 at 6pm, the Council will hold a public confirmation hearing at the State House for the Governor's nominees for Circuit Court judge - Robert Foley, Margaret Ann Moran, and Patricia Quigley (order TBD). Full list of other nominees below.

Sincerely,  
Colin  
Executive Councilor, District 2

FULL 12/4 AGENDA: <http://1.usa.gov/IVvMKC> (or follow the links below for documentation of each item)

#### *COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS BY REGION:*

### **1. DETAIL: CENTRAL NH**

[#14](#) Authorized to accept a three acre parcel of land located in Boscawen, NH, from the NH Veterans Cemetery Association Inc. No Cost.

[#43](#) Authorized to enter into a **sole source** agreement with the City of Franklin, NH, to provide planning, training, and equipping emergency Northern New England Metropolitan Medical Response System strike teams in NH to enhance the overall medical surge capability in response to a large-scale health event, in an amount not to exceed \$50,000. Effective upon G&C approval through August 31, 2014. **100% Other Funds.**

[#82](#) Authorized the Bureau of Right of Way petition for a hearing on an alteration to the NH 106 Intersection with Seavey Road in the Town of Belmont, and to appoint a Commission to hold the hearing, and, if the necessity is found, to layout the new highway at this location, with a suggested budget of \$1,714.44.

### **2. DETAIL: MONADNOCK REGION**

None this week

### **3. DETAIL: STRAFFORD & BELKNAP CO**

[#90](#) Authorized the Bureau of Highway Design to amend an agreement with Vanasse Hangen Brustlin Inc., Bedford, NH, and Watertown, MA (originally approved by G&C on 12-18-08, item #77), for the final design for the widening of the Spaulding Turnpike in the Town of Newington and City of Dover, by extending the completion date from December 31, 2013 to December 31, 2014. No Additional Funding.

### **4. DETAIL: STATEWIDE PROJECTS & POLICIES**

[#45](#) Authorized to enter into an agreement with Southeastern Regional Education Service Center Inc., Bedford, NH, to provide a statewide program to support the inclusion of young children with special needs in child care programs, in an amount

not to exceed \$260,000. Effective January 1, 2014 or upon G&C approval, whichever is later, through December 31, 2015. **100% Federal Funds.**

**#53** Authorized the Division of Forests and Lands to accept a Federal grant up to \$9,100,000 and assign it directly to Plum Creek Maine Timberlands LLC to pay the purchase price for acquisition of a Conservation Easement on 22,991 +/- acres in the Town of Cambridge, Errol and Wentworth Location in Coos County NH, known as the "Androscoggin Headwaters Forest Legacy Project". (2)Further authorize to accept the 22,991 +/- acres Conservation Easement, and enter into a Snowmobile Agreement to protect its natural resource values and insure continued access to the property. (3)Further authorize to reimburse Plum Creek Maine Timberlands LLC for the cost of a title insurance policy, in an amount not to exceed \$5,000 for the property on which the Conservation Easement will be acquired. **100% Federal Funds. Fiscal Committee approved.**

**#58** Authorized to accept and expend \$22,316,661 in MTBE settlement funds from the Department of Justice to implement an MTBE corrective action plan. (2)Further authorize to establish five full-time, temporary positions. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2015. **100% MTBE Settlement Funds. Fiscal Committee approved.**

## **5. DETAIL: APPOINTMENTS & NOMINATIONS:**

(\* = District 2 Resident)

*Confirmed:*

**Family Mediator Certification Board** - Ellen Dinerstein, Hancock\*

**Water Well Board** - Steven Guercia, Concord\*

**Lt Colonel, NH Air National Guard** - Major Ian S. Tate, Somersworth

**Major, NH Air National Guard** - Captain Paul M. Marcus, Somersworth

**Health Exchange Advisory Board** - Scott Baetz, Windham

**Board of Licensure of Interpreters for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing** - Kirk C. Simoneau

**Board of Licensed Dietitians** - Audrey L. Anastasia

**Lakes Management Advisory Committee** - Robert W. Compton & James S. Morash

**Board of Mental Health Practice** - Kathleen S. Shulman, New London

**Board of Nursing** - Cynthia Smith, Meredith

**Public Water Access Advisory Board** - B. David Bryan, Newmarket

*Nominated for confirmation vote 12/20:*

**Asst Cmsr of the Dept of Revenue Admin** - Kathryn E. Skouteris

**Appellate Board** - Angela T. Finney, Concord\*

**Enhanced 911 Commission** - Cecily McNair, Epsom

**State Historical Records Advisory Board** - Paul R. Bergeron, Linda Upham-Bornstein

**Human Right Commission** - William E. Brennan, Bedford

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